

KENTUCKY BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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**** PURPOSE OF THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY ****

The Kentucky Board of Dentistry was created by the General Assembly to protect the public by regulation of the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene through licensure, approval of educational standards, and the registration of dental laboratories and technicians. The Kentucky Board of Dentistry is a separate and distinct entity from any professional association and is an agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR PATTON

Laura L. Justice, D.M.D., of Lexington, KY has been appointed to the Kentucky Board of Dentistry, by Governor Paul E. Patton for a term of four years, expiring June 30, 2007. Dr. Justice is replacing Matthew Gandolfo, D.M.D., of Lexington, KY who served on the Board for the past four years.

William Dew, D.M.D. of Henderson, KY has been re-appointed by Governor Paul E. Patton for a term of four years, expiring June 30, 2007.

***** IMPORTANT *****

LICENSE CERTIFICATES TO BE DISPLAYED IN THE OFFICE LICENSURE TO BE VERIFIED BEFORE HIRING

ALL dentists and dental hygienists licensed and practicing in Kentucky **MUST** display in a conspicuous place in each and every office they practice, their license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene. If the licensee works in more than one office, a copy of the license may be displayed with a disclaimer of where the original license is displayed. A duplicate license can be requested from the Board office by sending a written request and \$10.00 for each certificate.

In the past year, the Board office has had two incidents where a hygiene license has been forged. To avoid this happening in the future, each dentist before hiring a dentist or dental hygienist needs to make sure that such person holds a current Kentucky license before he/she can begin practicing. You may call the Board office to verify licensure or you can verify this information on our website at <http://dentistry.ky.gov>.

The Kentucky Board of Dentistry does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or provision of services.

******* INFORMED CONSENT *******

The Board has received some concerns from consumers that the dentist is not informing them of "acceptable alternatives" pertaining to treatment. 210 KAR 8:430 **Unprofessional Conduct** states "Informed Consent" means that, except in an emergency situation where consent of the patient cannot reasonably be obtained before the provision of dental services, a patient has: (1) an understanding of the (a) procedure and medically or dentally acceptable alternative procedures or treatments; and (b) substantial risks and hazards inherent in the proposed treatment or procedures; and (2) consented to the provision of dental services.

****** ABOUT THE LAW ******

New law books (purple in color) were sent to all dentists and dental hygienists that are licensed by the state of Kentucky. We would remind you to be familiar with the Dental Practice Act and especially read the new laws enacted that effect the duties of dental hygienists and dental assistants.

Dental Hygienists -- KRS 313.310 Practice when supervising dentist not present and corresponding 201 KAR 8:450 Dental hygienists services when supervising dentist not physically present. The Board has issued approximately 500 approvals allowing dental hygienists to perform these duties while the dentist is not present. Please be reminded that dental hygienists must have a Board of Dentistry permit to do this. We encourage all dentists to be familiar with the provisions of this law because there are many steps to be taken by the dentist in order for patients to be seen by a dental hygienist without the dentist being physically present. This must be planned with patient being notified in advance. This is not a procedure that can take place because a dentist comes in late in the office or leaves early with very little notice.

Dental Hygienists --- KRS 313.343 Delegation of block and infiltration anesthesia and nitrous oxide analgesia and corresponding 201 KAR 8:460 Administration of anesthesia by dental hygienist. The Board has issued approximately 45 certificates that allow dental hygienists to perform these duties. Anesthesia may not be provided by the dental hygienists without a certificate from the Board and only under direct supervision.

Dental Assistants --- KRS 313. 345 administrative regulations on practices that may be performed by the dental assistant and corresponding 201 KAR 8:470 Coronal Polishing duties of dental assistants. The Board has issued approximately

10 certificates that allow dental assistants to perform coronal polishing. Dental assistants may not perform coronal polishing without securing a certificate from the Board even if the assistant is certified in another state, through a dental assisting program or has many years of longevity.

The educational components that must be adhered to for all three laws can be secured at the following schools. University of Louisville School of Dentistry, University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, Western Kentucky University Dental Hygiene Program, Lexington Community College Dental Hygiene Program and Kentucky Community Technical College System Dental Hygiene or Dental Assisting Programs.

Dentists please make sure that all Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants display their certificates in a conspicuous place in the office that consumers may see. If you have any questions concerning these laws, please call the Board office.

**THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF
DENTISTRY WEB ADDRESS HAS
CHANGED. THE NEW ADDRESS
IS:**

<http://dentistry.ky.gov>

****** HIV/AIDS COURSE REQUIREMENTS ******

Effective July 15, 2001 a new HIV/AIDS law went into effect. This new law simply states that practitioners would be able to take the HIV/AIDS course once every 10 years. Your renewal notice will stipulate when the next year you are required to take an HIV/AIDS course.

**DO NOT SEND IN COPIES OF HIV/AIDS
CERTIFICATES WITH YOUR RENEWAL NOTICE.**

**PLEASE NOTE: THE HIV/AIDS COURSE WILL
NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE 30 HOURS OF
CONTINUING EDUCATION NEEDED FOR
RENEWAL.**

****** BOARD MEETINGS ******

The Kentucky Board of Dentistry meets on the second Saturday of each odd numbered month. Meetings take place at the Board Office located at 10101 Linn Station Rd., Suite 540, Louisville, KY 40223. Meeting times and places are subject to change with advanced notification. We would welcome any licensee's attendance. The meetings are open to the public, however a portion of the meeting can be closed as allowed by law.

****** WELL BEING COMMITTEE ******
Greetings from Brian Fingerson

One of the joys that I have in working with the Well-Being Committee is education. That would be education of others in the profession of Dentistry as well as furthering my own knowledge in the field of addictions. I have witnessed a tremendous shift in attitude amongst professionals toward those afflicted with the disease of addiction in my 17 years working with health care professionals with addictive disease from the punitive to the compassionate still keeping foremost public safety. This is not the time or place to go into too many statistics; however I will say that anywhere between 10 and 18% of health care professionals will deal with the problem of addiction in their lifetime. We are able to show a success rate of >90% over a five-year period if the professional is properly treated and monitored after the treatment. I have spoken to the Kentucky Board of Dentistry, the U of K College of Dentistry senior class, and I am scheduled to speak at the school at U of L. I intend to make myself visible and available to any in this profession who want to learn more about this disease as well as those who might be seeking a confidential way to get some help for yourself or a colleague in need. There is a dedicated group of volunteers in the profession who have pledged their help to me to do this. My name is Brian Fingerson. I am a pharmacist by training. I have practiced pharmacy for 30 years, and I have been the Director of the Kentucky Professionals Recovery Network for 17 years working with pharmacists in need of help for Substance Abuse Disorder. I will now be working with both professions. Dentistry and Pharmacy have had close relationships in the past, and I hope to continue to build on that.

I invite anyone who would like to attend, to register for the 4th Annual Multidisciplinary Addiction Conference, Clinical Applications of the Principles in Treatment of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. January 30 - 31, 2004 at the Embassy Suites, 1801 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY. This is one of many courses that will be available with information on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. For additional information,

contact the KY Physicians Health Foundation at 502/425-7761 or email at spatrick@kphfonline.org
I may be reached at: Brian Fingerson, Pharmacist, KYPRN, 202 Bellemeade Road, Louisville, KY 40222-4502. O/H: 502-749-8385 Fax: 502-749-8389 Email: kyprn@insightbb.com .

****** DO YOU KNOW? ******

Q. Are hygienists allowed to use a laser?

A. *No, lasers are outside the scope of a dental hygienist.*

Q. Are hygienists allowed to use curing lights (LED lights) such as those used in BriteSmile?

A. *Yes, since this is not a laser.*

Q. Is a dentist responsible to verify that the current licenses for all dentists and hygienists working in his or her office are on display?

A. *Yes This is very important to verify at the time of employment and annually thereafter.*

Q. How long may the name of a Dentist be included on stationery, windows, doors etc. after the dentist is no longer with the practice, is deceased, has retired, moved ?

A. *One year*

Q. Are hygienists allowed to do preliminary clinical oral assessments (screenings) ?

A. *Hygienists are allowed to do preliminary clinical oral assessments according to KRS 313.310 as part of a dental health program which can be operated through a school district, board of health, a national, state, district or local dental association: or other public or private entity recognized by the board. The program must notify the Kentucky Board of Dentistry in advance and follow guidelines.*

Q. How many continuing education hours are required to renew my license?

A. *30 hours, 10 of which may be correspondence and 20 of which must be in a presentation setting.*

Q. Is the HIV AIDS course still required?

A. *Yes. The HIV AIDS course must be taken every 10 years.*

Q. When do Dentists and hygienists renew their licenses?

A. *Dentists---December 31, 2003 and hygienists December 31, 2004*

Q. Are auxiliaries allowed to take impressions for implants?

A. *No, the dentists must take the final impression.*

Q. May a dental assistants use a Cavijet?

A. *NO. Only a Dentist or a Hygienist may use a Cavijet.*

****** RADIATION SAFETY COURSE ****
FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

All dental assistants must have passed a course approved by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry on Radiation Safety **BEFORE** they are allowed to take x-rays in the dental office. A new regulation went into effect on May 10, 2000, requiring the course to include two (2) parts:

1. A minimum of a six-(6) hour course in dental radiography safety approved by the Board. Written documentation must be kept on file in the dentist's office showing successful completion of the course.
2. Technique instruction: A minimum of four (4) hours of instruction by the dentist in dental radiography technique while under the employment and supervision of the dentist in the office where the dentist practices.

OR

Maintains written documentation that the dental auxiliary personnel have completed a minimum of a four-(4) hour course in radiography technique approved by the Board.

Assistants, who have already taken a six-hour (6) course in radiation safety and can supply proof of this, do not have to take the course again. Written documentation of completion of this course must be kept on file in the dentist office. Although they will not have to take the radiation safety course over, each assistant will be required to have the four hours of technique instruction.

The dentist must continuously supervise and inspect the dental auxiliary personnel while taking radiographs. Licensed and registered dental hygienists are deemed to meet the requirements of this administrative regulation and not required to take this course.

Failure to have on file proof of all dental assistants having passed an approved six (6) course in Radiation Safety and having proof of four (4) hours of technique **will result in disciplinary action being taken against the dentists.**

If you are unsure as to whether a course is an approved course by the Board, a copy of the syllabus and an detailed outline of the course can be sent to the Board office for review and approval. DO NOT assume that all courses are approved. All courses taken must meet the guidelines as set forth by the Board.

****** CONTINUING EDUCATION ****
REQUIREMENTS**

There still seems to be much confusion to the Continuing Education law as to the number of hours needed and the different categories.

Below is a break down of the categories and what is needed to fulfill these categories.

Category A - HIV and CPR/BLS/ACLS/PALS.

CPR/BLS/ACLS/PALS. - You must maintain current certification. When your certification expires, you must re-certify.

HIV - All licensees must take a Cabinet for Health Services (CHS) Approved HIV/AIDS course once every 10 years.

Category B - Scientific, Dental Related, Presentation format.

You must have **no less than 20 hours** in Scientific, Dental Related, Presentation format continuing education. **You can have all 30 hours in category B, but no less than 20.**

Category C - Other courses as noted.

You can count towards the 30-hour requirement, **only 10 hours of the following:**

- ☺ Business
- ☺ Home Study
- ☺ Magazine or Journal articles
- ☺ Computer or video articles
- ☺ Non-dental Health related courses

You must keep on file for 5 years all continuing education, including CPR/BLS/ACLS/PALS. When you re-certify, DO NOT throw your card away. Place this card with your other continuing education documents. If you are audited, you are required to show proof that you maintained current certification.

***ALWAYS REPORT A CHANGE
OF ADDRESS IN WRITING TO
THE BOARD!!!!***

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Name _____ License No. _____ Dentist ☐ Hygienist ☐

(For Dentist Only) - Preferred Mailing Address Business ☐ Residence ☐

Business Address

Name of Business (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____ KY County _____

Residence Address:

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____ KY County _____

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